

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1. (currently amended) A home care system in which at least one center terminal and patient terminals are disconnectably connected to each other via a communication line through which communications of data including image data are performed,

wherein the patient terminals are provided with a room illumination light installed on the patient terminals for illuminating a room in which the patient terminals are disposed, the room illuminating light illuminating the room independently from the patient terminals, and

wherein said center terminal is provided with a light turn-on operating means for turning on the room illumination light installed on the patient terminals.

2. (previously presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein said patient terminals are provided with a light control means for controlling a light quantity and/or an illumination angle of the room illumination light installed on the patient terminals, and

wherein said center terminal is provided with a light control operation means for giving an instruction as to a control of a light quantity and/or an illumination angle of the room illumination light installed on the patient terminals.

3. (new) A home care system comprising:
a center terminal having a light turn-on operating unit;
patient terminals disconnectably connected to the center terminal via a communication line through which communications of data including image data are performed; and
room illuminating units installed on each one of the patient terminals to illuminate a room in which the respective one of the patient terminal is disposed, the room illuminating units illuminating the respective room independently from an illumination due to the respective one of the patient terminals, and being turned-on by the light turn-on operating unit of the center terminal.

4. (new) The home care system of claim 3, further comprising:

light control units, each controlling a light quantity and/or an illumination angle of a corresponding one of the room illumination lights, and

a light control operation unit located in said center terminal, to provide the light quantity and/or the illumination angle of to each of the light control units.